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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: David A. Nicholas, et al

Serial No: 10/037,977 Filed: November 9, 2001

Examiner: Unknown Group: 2814

For: ARTICULATING ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Asst. Commissioner For Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time of

one month	[]	\$ 110.00	Small Entity	[]	\$ 55.00
two month	[]	380.00		[]	200.00
three months	[]	870.00		[]	475.00
four months	[x]	1,360.00		[]	755.00

is hereby requested to

- respond to the Office Action mailed _____;
- file a Notice of Appeal;
- file an Appeal Brief _____;
- respond to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated February, 1,

2002

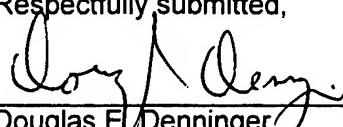
- other (specify) _____;

- An extension of time for _____ () month was previously secured for filing the above identified communication, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The fee for this extension is \$ _____ minus the fee previously paid of \$ _____ equals \$ _____ the total fee due.
- Please charge the requisite fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, of \$1360.00 to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. **TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 7/11/02


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